asked for in respect of the last calendar year is not yet available with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Cases of serious backbone fracture

† 1529. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of serious backbone fracture in the country during the last three years;

(b) the locations in the country where appropriate arrangement for the treatment of the same has been made by Government;

(c) whether the arrangements made are not adequate; and

(d) if so, the details of action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Backbone fracture is an orthopaedic problem and Government do not maintain data regarding incidence of such cases in the country.

(b) The treatment for fracture of backbone is readily available in almost all Government hospitals having Orthopaedic Departments.

(c) Government have not received any complaints of shortage of such facilities and therefore the existing arrangements appear to be adequate.

(d) Does not arise.

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† 0riginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.